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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANA 1313  
E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, YE, ET, US, SO, SA  
SUBJECT: YAR PRESIDENT ON SOMALIA

1. DURING APRIL 4 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI, HE TOLD ME THAT AS RESULT OF RECENT SUMMIT MEETING IN TAIZ AS WELL AS OF THE EARLIER ABORTIVE CASTRO EFFORT TO MEDIATE BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA, SOMALIA IS NOW SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING MAKING A MAJOR CHANGE IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY ALIGNMENT AWAY FROM THE SOVIETS. AL-HAMDI EMPHASIZED THIS INFORMATION IS STILL BEING HELD VERY CLOSELY BECAUSE PRESIDENT BARRE DOES NOT WISH TO MOVE TOO QUICKLY LEST THE SOVIETS BECOME SUSPICIOUS AND TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE BARRE REGIME. AL-HAMDI CONTINUED THAT SOMALIA, HOWEVER, IS CONVINCED THAT THE SOVIETS ARE BECOMING MAJOR SUPPORTERS OF THE ETHIOPIAN REGIME AND THAT THIS SUPPORT IS NOT IN SOMALIA'S NATIONAL INTERESTS.

2. AL-HAMDI CONTINUED THAT THE SAUDIS(WHO, HE SAID, ARE PROCEEDING IN A WISE AND EFFECTIVE MANNER THROUGHOUT THE  
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REGION) HAVE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW SOMALIA AWAY FROM THE SOVIETS. HE SAID THAT THE SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD ABN FAYSAL AL-SAUD WILL BE GOING TO SOMALIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN A FURTHER EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN THE BARRE RESOLVE IN THIS REGARD. FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO MOGADISCIO HE WILL THEN PROCEED TO ADEN AND THEN TO SANA.

3. AL-HAMDI STRESSED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE SAUDIS  
TO MOVE QUICKLY IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CURRENT  
FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOMALIA. ALHAMDI EXPRESSED  
OPTIMISM THAT THE SAUDIS WILL EVENTUALLY BE SUCCESSFUL.  
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